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Today Police Chief William McManus issued the following statement on personnel actions taking place within the San Antonio Police Department:

"An effective Command Staff is fundamental to the successful and efficient operation of the San Antonio Police Department. As Chief of Police, my duty to the Department and the Community is to ensure my Command Staff is comprised of the most qualified, capable, and cooperative leaders this Department has to offer and to ensure those leaders are strategically aligned.

Over the past nineteen months, I have evaluated the performance, teamwork and leadership abilities of my Assistant and Deputy Chiefs. Subsequently, I have determined that the best interests of this Community and the Department demand that I change the current composition of my command staff. Therefore, I have promoted Steve Barrera to the rank of Deputy Chief. A 28 year veteran, Deputy Chief Barrera will assume the duties and responsibilities formerly held by Rose Mary Flammia, who will be assigned to her previous civil service rank as police Captain.

I will continue to lead this Department in its mission of reducing crime and enhancing the quality of life throughout the City of San Antonio. This personnel change enhances the effectiveness of my Command Staff, better equipping the Department to accomplish its mission of service to this Community.

To that end, I will continue to evaluate the needs of this organization and appropriately configure my Command Staff in order to best serve the needs of the Department and the Community."

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